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Droney Lumber Co.

S.G. Smith  
Hillsboro, W.Va.

Wahontas Co.

living just across the river, he runs a passenger boat to the Watoga side and back, he is a very dependable ferryman and a part of his income is derived from his Ferry-boat, this is necessary in getting back and forth to Watoga, which is approximately two miles East of State Route 219 leaving state road at Stephen's Hole Run just above Millpoint, W.Va.

- Information-----George McComb, Watoga. W.Va.
- Dennis Dunn. Watoga, W.Va.
- Sherman Pyles, Seebert, W.Va.
- James S. Cook. Millpoint, W.Va.
- Court Records, Marlinton. W.Va.

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-----Spice Run Lumber Company #1-----

In 1912 James Flynn of Charleston Kanawha County came to Pocahontas County looking for timber and upon locating what he wanted went back to Charleston and formed a company and in it were James Flynn, Gus and Mark Flynn along with some other stockholders at Charleston, and New York and forming what was known as The Spice Run Lumber Company which operated a short distance below Beard, W, Va or near the mouth of Spice Run on the Greenbrier River.

The first timber bought was from J.R Droney, The Pocahontas Timber Co Inc. and E.M Arbogast a Real Estate operator all on the East side of the Greenbrier River and extending up the river to The Maryland Lumber Co. cuttings.

They started operation in 1913 <sup>set</sup> in a single band mill built 25 dwelling houses for the men and their families, a boarding house and a company store in which the Post Office was kept.

They had 2 locomotives and a loader R.R tracks were built from the mill at Spice Run across the Greenbrier River and up the hollows to the head of Spice Run and Davys Run and in the immediate section of the Beaverlick Mt. this was standard gauge and was built mostly with Italian labor.

W.C Barlett of Cincinnati Ohio and Charlie Briggs of Glen Ray W.Va were Superintendents for the Spice Run Lumber Company, Barlett at the first of the operation and Briggs after, R.E Turpin and of Pa. and a man by the name of Brosious were the book keepers, and Dr's Gooch and Rich were the Company doctors.

The mill was set on what was known as the Rube McKeever or the Joe Perkins farm.

They employed some 125 men in the woods, on the mill and on the train and the common laborers received from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day.

Spice Run Lumber Company #2

Having partially finished on the East side of the Greenbrier River they decided to buy timber on the West side of the river their train making daily trips up the C & O line to Mill Run and up Mill Run crossing the State Road on a spur of Droop Mountain about 1 1/2 miles below Hillsboro thence up and across Caesar Mountain to Bruffeys Creek and to Lobelia and up Hills<sup>c</sup>creek to the head or to the Cherry River Cutting, they bought timber from the following,

( Location)  
Nancy R and G,H Dean---Near Lobelia---

A.M& J.M Simmons            Rush Run

A.D.W Hill                      Droop Mt.

Edwin L Beard                  Cherry River

G.F&Mary H Hill                Near Lobelia

J.C Kinnison                    Bruffeys Creek & Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

J.W & L.M Bobbett              Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

J.L & Sarah V Clowser         Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

A.W & Meta J Hill                ''

C.M & Azlia Anderson            ''

George & Mary E Sutton---Near Lobelia

R.C & Arminda V Cutlip --- Droop Mountain

L.C & T.C McMillion-----Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

Allen & N.C Spinks            ----- ''

J.W Dwyer ---- Bruffeys And Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

R.M & Ella Bruffey-----Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

W.Va Pulp And Paper Co----- '' and Spice Run

G.A & Florence Hull              ''

W.D & Bessie Morrison --- Rush Run

W.W & Rachel Kinnison --- Bruffeys Creek

E.A & Mary E Hodges --- Hills<sup>c</sup>creek

J & Rebecca May ---- Locust Creek

P.H & Lula R McNulty - Bruffeys Creek

S.A & Emma V Sparks -- Rush Run

Sallie H Rogers ----- ''

John G & Elizabeth Beard -- Near Hillsboro & Caesar Mt.

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W.W & H.V Beard ---- Caesar Mt.

Mary B Coulter ----- Near Spice Run.

Samuel & Lucy Sheets -Droop Mt.

Warn Lumber Co.---Bruffeys & Hillscreek.

W.R & Florence McCoy---Bruffeys Creek.

J.M.L & Georgie Vaughn -Hillscreek.

G.B & Iberia Hill.--- ''

S.J & Ada Payne .--- ''

George A.Kinnison (land)

Andy Carter --- Caesar Mt.

D.M Kinnison --- Bruffeys Creek.

Mary C Morrison --- Rush Run .

G.A Kinnison --- Bruffeys Creek.

J.W Roderick ---Near the mouth of Spice Run.

E.M Arbogast .---A

Nathaniel Hollandsworth - Bruffeys Creek.

And Right of Way from the following.

J.M & R.H Cutlip.

G.C & Georgia Beard.

S.C & Minnie Dean.

J.F & Mary H Brock.

J.L McNeel

M.L & Elizabeth Beard.

Ellis & Sallie E McCarty.

J.W Kinnison

W.R & W.B Williams.

J.F & Ida J Darnell.

George F & Nevada S Alderman.

Edwin Moore.

J.S Mcneel the W.H Callison farm.

The cutting and skidding was mostly done by contractors and the following men had contracts—Sam Dean of Lobelia had (1) team and (3) men, Crocket Rose also of Lobelia had (1) team and (4) men, George Dean of near Lobelia